

**University of Kentucky
Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
Monthly Report
February 2011**

Grants

Sharon Walsh served as a consultant on a grant submission for Dr. Theresa Winhusen at the University of Cincinnati for an R03 submitted to NIDA, entitled "A comparison of addicted and non-addicted crack cocaine users on factors hypothesized to be critical to addiction: Test of a new paradigm for evaluating the neurobiology of cocaine addiction."

Nathan Lowe submitted a dissertation grant to the National Institute of Justice with Carrie Oser as his mentor.

Journals/Publications

Knudsen, H. K., Abraham, A. J., & Oser, C. B. (in press). Barriers to the implementation of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders: The importance of funding policies and medical infrastructure. *Evaluation and Program Planning*.

Beth Wahler submitted a manuscript for review entitled "Depressed or Stressed? Exploring the Relationship Between Learning Problems, Social Stress, and Depressive Symptomology in Low-Income Women" to *Families in Society*.

Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh provided a manuscript review for the journal *Psychopharmacology*.

Jennifer Havens reviewed manuscripts for *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* and *Substance Abuse Treatment Prevention and Policy*.

William Stoops reviewed a manuscript for *Psychopharmacology*.

Jennifer Cole reviewed an article for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and one for the *African Journal of AIDS Research*.

Michelle Lofwall reviewed a manuscript for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation* and the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Training

Robert Walker did another guest lecture on neuroanatomy and neurochemistry for TK Logan's Health Psychology course. Robert Walker also gave two presentations on the same neuroanatomy and neurochemistry for two independent study doctoral

students in the College of Social Work – both students working on behavioral health issues in relation to neuroscience.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Elizabethtown, KY to facilitate the Hardin and Nelson Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council meeting on February 15, 2011.

Beth Wahler traveled to Morehead, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Rowan County TAP/DCBS Advisory Council on February 15, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a quarterly meeting of the Child and Family Services Review Community Stakeholder Advisory Group on February 21, 2011.

Information, Education and Consultation

Drs. Sharon Walsh, Michelle Lofwall and Carl Leukefeld were invited and attended a roundtable discussion at the Boone Center with Director Gil Kerlikowske, Director of the White House National Office on Drug Control Policy.

Sharon Walsh served as Chair for the Safety Advisory Panel for Meda Pharmaceuticals for their external Risk Mitigation Evaluation Program for Onsolis on February 22, 2011.

Robert Walker provided consultation to defense teams on two death penalty cases that involve mental health and substance abuse complications.

Kim Griswold Dotson attended a Steering Committee meeting for the Hardin County Best Practices Model Court in Elizabethtown, KY on February 3, 2011

Barbara Ramlow chaired a meeting of the Fayette County Best Practices Court Assessment Committee on February 18, 2011.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Hazard, KY to attend a meeting of the Families in Safe Homes Network on February 22, 2011.

Kim Griswold Dotson facilitated a meeting of the Hardin County Best Practices Model Court Assessment Protocol Sub-Committee in Elizabethtown, KY on February 24, 2011. Barbara Ramlow provided consultation to the committee from her perspective as Chair of the Fayette County Best Practices Court Assessment Committee.

Stephanie Ratliff, Scott Turner, Vanessa Stamper and Garnet Sexton provided consultation to Denise Hoffman and Sara Propachek from Project Advance/Solutions at Kentucky River Community Care on February 28, 2011.

Media

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Michelle Lofwall participated in a phone conference meeting for the maintenance of medical certification committee for the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry.

Carl Leukefeld, Hannah Knudsen, Carrie Oser, and Michele Staton-Tindall had a meeting at Spindletop with local substance abuse treatment providers and department of corrections officials as part of the Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS) research cooperative on Feb. 25, 2010.

Presentations

Sharon Walsh presented a Grand Rounds presentation to the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas, entitled, "Prescription Opioid Abuse: Translating Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice" on February 3, 2011. Sharon Walsh presented a lecture to the College of Pharmacy faculty, entitled "Prescription Opioid Abuse: Translating Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice," at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 28, 2011.

Jennifer Havens presented "Nonmedical Prescription Drug Use and HIV Risk in Rural Appalachia" at the Rand Corporation in Arlington, VA on February 22, 2011.

Perry, B. Harp, K., McGahan, J., & Oser, C. (2011). Gendered racism, social stressors, and the health and well-being of African American women. Invited presentation at the Inaugural Conference on Structural Racism, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY.

Kim Griswold Dotson, Chad Foster and Cathy Thomas-Pickrell, presented, "Assessment 101: Adult Assessments in Child Welfare Cases" to the Daviess County Best Practices Court Full Team meeting on February 28, 2011.

Awards

Carrie Oser was nominated for the Sarah Bennett Holmes award at the University of Kentucky.

Other

Beth Wahler facilitated a case conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Christian, Hopkins, McCracken, and Muhlenberg County in Hopkinsville, KY on February 3, 2011.

Renee Edington traveled to Hazard, KY to facilitate a case conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Martin, Magoffin, Pike, Letcher, Knott, Johnson, Floyd, Pulaski and Laurel counties on February 4, 2011.

